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In re application of:

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Title: COATINGS OF $M_{n+1}AX_n$ MATERIAL FOR ELECTRICAL CONTACT ELEMENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAILSTOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: